(c) As per report received from Super Bazar, audit observations mainly relate to shortages, old outstandings against sundry debtors, maintenance of fixed assets records and obtaining of credit limit from the Registrar or Cooperative Specities. Super Bazar has reported that appropriate action has been taken on all these points.

(d) Super Bazar is not in loss but' in profit. During 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94, Super Bazar earned a net profit of Rs. 9.33 lakhs, 10.83 lakhs and 41.65 lakhs respectively.

Food for poor at Cheaper Rates

1500. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs had given its consent to provide to the poor the extra available food at cheap rates;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) how much food articles were distributed to the poor in the country so far and at what rates?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SIN.GH): (a) to (c) In the interest of consumers/weaker sections, the following schemes have been approved by the Government:—

(i) The Modern Food Industries India Ltd. (MFIL)- Public Sector Enter-Prise has been allocated 1.87 lakh tonnes of wheat for a period of one year from October 94 at Rs. 1000/- per metric tonne less than the Central Issue Price for PDS, comprising 1.50 lakh tonnes for bread manufacturing subject to reduction in prices of bread and 0.37 lakh tonnes for production of energy foods subject - to keeping the prices of energy foods frozen during he period of supply of wheat at concessional rate. The MFIL has reduced its price of bread by 25 paise for 400 gm. loaf.and 50 paise for a 800 gm. loaf in its Delhi and Bombay Units. It has also reduced the pr bread by 50 paise for 400 gm. loaf and one rupee for 800 gm. loaf at its remaining units in the comitry. The franchised units of the MFIL have also been allocated 2358 MT of wheat per month from Feb. 1995 at the above concessional rate with the condition that these units would also reduce the price of their bread in line with the price reduction effected by MFIL. The scheme has been extended upto October, 1995.

(ii) In the interest of the students belonging to weaker sections, SC/ST/ OBC hostels having atleast 2/3rd inmates belonging to these communities are being allocated rice and wheat at RPDs rates throughout the country. This is a permanent scheme. The total requirement of foodgrains for this scheme has been estimated at 2.45 lakh tonnes for 1995-96 tentatively.

(iii) The Government have also decided to earmark 5 lakh tonnes of foodgrains (Rice & .Wheat) per annum for a period of 5 years for employment generation by manufacturing food products such as bread, buns, paper etc. by below poverty line families at a concessional rate of Rs. 1000/- per tonne less than the CIP for PDS. Out of this quantity, 3.5 lakh tonnes per annum has been earmarked for rural areas and the balance .1.5 lakh tonnes for urban areas.

Details of lifting the foodgrains during Oct., 94 to June, 95 under the above schemes are as under:—

(In tonnes)

	Wheat (P)	Rice (P)
Modern Food Industries Ltd. and Franchised Units of MFIL	1,20,714	—
SC/ST/& other Backward Class Hostels	2,382	70.843

Employment Generation Scheme	2,642,5	515

P=Provisional.

Mid-Term Appraisal of the Eight Five Year Plan

1501. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the draft of mid-term appraisal of the eight Plan has revealed that the reform process has failed to alleviate the misery of the masses of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of Ihe Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG):(a) to (c) The necessary exercise pertaining to Mid-term Appraisal (MTA) of the eight five Year Plan (1992-97) is underway in the Planning Commission in consultation with concerned Ministries and Departments of the Government of India.These questions will arise only after the completion of the appraisal.

Grants-in-Aid to Super Bazar

1502. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Super Bazar has been receiving the grants-in-aid from Government;

(b) if so, the details of the grants received in each of the last three years giving the reasons for grants to the Super Bazar; and

(c) the steps taken to stop the grants frothwith particularly when the Super Bazar has failed to provide the consumers quality items of daily need at nominal profits?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION.(SHRI BUTA SINGH) (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The details of grant-in-aid received by Super Bazar from the Government for the last five years may be seen in the enclosed statement. *(See below)*

(c) There is a growing demand from the public for opening more branches of Super Bazar and the Govt, of India provide funds for specific purposes. As such, there is no plan to stop Government grant to Super Bazar.

Statement

Detail of Subsidy Received During Last Five Years from The Government

(Rupees in Lakh)

		90-91	91-92	92-93	93-94	94-95
1.	For strengthening of accounting/billing system by inlroducing Computers/Alpha Numerical machines.	3.00 1.25	1.25			
2.	For renovation/modification of	2.50	—	2.50	—	—
	20 branches	—	—	—	3.20	
	26 branches					
3.	For Delivery Van	1.25	—	—	—	—
4.	For setting up of Departmental Store at Palani	—	1.12			
4.A.	For construction of 1st floor	—	1.0(1			